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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to supplementary weighting for school districts
2 for shared operational functions and including applicability
3 provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.11, subsection 5, Code 2017, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. *Shared operational functions — increased student*
4 *opportunities — budget years beginning in 2014 through 2019*
5 *2029.*

6 a. (1) In order to provide additional funding to increase
7 student opportunities and redirect more resources to student
8 programming for school districts that share operational
9 functions, a district that shares with a political subdivision
10 one or more operational functions of a curriculum director or
11 school counselor, or one or more operational functions in the
12 areas of superintendent management, business management, human
13 resources, transportation, or operation and maintenance for at
14 least twenty percent of the school year shall be assigned a
15 supplementary weighting for each shared operational function.
16 A school district that shares an operational function in
17 the area of superintendent management shall be assigned a
18 supplementary weighting of eight pupils for the function. A
19 school district that shares an operational function in the area
20 of business management, human resources, transportation, or
21 operation and maintenance shall be assigned a supplementary
22 weighting of five pupils for the function. A school district
23 that shares the operational functions of a curriculum director
24 or a school counselor shall be assigned a supplementary
25 weighting of three pupils for the function. The additional
26 weighting shall be assigned for each discrete operational
27 function shared. However, a school district may receive the
28 additional weighting under [this subsection](#) for sharing the
29 services of an individual with a political subdivision even if
30 the type of operational function performed by the individual
31 for the school district and the type of operational function
32 performed by the individual for the political subdivision are
33 not the same operational function, so long as both operational
34 functions are eligible for weighting under [this subsection](#). In
35 such case, the school district shall be assigned the additional

1 weighting for the type of operational function that the
 2 individual performs for the school district, and the school
 3 district shall not receive additional weighting for any other
 4 function performed by the individual. The operational function
 5 sharing arrangement does not need to be a newly implemented
 6 sharing arrangement to receive supplementary weighting under
 7 this subsection.

8 (2) For the purposes of [this section](#), "*political*
 9 *subdivision*" means a city, township, county, school corporation,
 10 merged area, area education agency, institution governed by the
 11 state board of regents, or any other governmental subdivision.

12 b. School districts that share operational functions with
 13 other school districts are not required to be contiguous school
 14 districts. If two or more districts sharing operational
 15 functions are not contiguous to each other, the districts
 16 separating those districts are not required to be a party to
 17 the operational functions sharing arrangement.

18 c. Supplementary weighting pursuant to [this subsection](#)
 19 shall be available to a school district for ~~a maximum of~~
 20 ~~five years during~~ the period commencing with the budget year
 21 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July
 22 1, ~~2019~~ 2029. The maximum amount of additional weighting for
 23 which a school district shall be eligible in a budget year
 24 is twenty-one additional pupils. Criteria for determining
 25 the qualification of operational functions for supplementary
 26 weighting shall be determined by the department by rule,
 27 through consideration of increased student opportunities.

28 d. Supplementary weighting pursuant to [this subsection](#)
 29 shall be available to an area education agency for ~~a maximum of~~
 30 ~~five years during~~ the period commencing with the budget year
 31 beginning July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July
 32 1, ~~2019~~ 2029. The minimum amount of additional funding for
 33 which an area education agency shall be eligible in a budget
 34 year is thirty thousand dollars, and the maximum amount of
 35 additional funding for which an area education agency shall

1 be eligible is two hundred thousand dollars. The department
 2 of management shall annually set a weighting for each area
 3 education agency to generate the approved operational sharing
 4 expense using the area education agency's special education
 5 cost per pupil amount and foundation level. Criteria for
 6 determining the qualification of operational functions
 7 for supplementary weighting shall be determined by the
 8 department by rule, through consideration of increased student
 9 opportunities.

10 e. ~~This subsection~~ is repealed effective July 1, ~~2020~~ 2030.

11 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to school budget
 12 years beginning on or after January 1, 2018.

13 EXPLANATION

14 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
 15 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

16 Code section 257.11(5) provides supplementary weighting
 17 for school districts and area education agencies that share
 18 operational functions. A district that shares with a political
 19 subdivision one or more operational functions of a curriculum
 20 director or school counselor, or one or more operational
 21 functions in the areas of superintendent management, business
 22 management, human resources, transportation, or operation and
 23 maintenance for at least 20 percent of the school year is
 24 assigned a supplementary weighting for each shared operational
 25 function. Supplementary weighting under this provision is
 26 available for a maximum of five school budget years beginning
 27 July 1, 2014, through the budget year beginning July 1, 2019.

28 This bill strikes the provisions limiting the number of
 29 years for which the weighting may be claimed. The bill also
 30 extends the period of school budget years during which the
 31 weighting for shared operational functions may be claimed so
 32 that the period ends on the last day of the school budget year
 33 beginning July 1, 2029.

34 The bill applies to school budget years beginning on or after
 35 July 1, 2018.